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## Spartans welcome UCSC evacuees

By **Bryanna Bartlett**  
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San Jose State opened its doors this week to house evacuated students and faculty members from the University of California, Santa Cruz after UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive declared a state of emergency Thursday. The state of emergency states that

the mountain communities surrounding UC Santa Cruz were forced to evacuate their homes “in the face of the fast-moving Lightning Complex Fire” which was ignited by a dry lightning storm Aug. 15. “As of Monday . . . SJSU is providing housing for 43 students and two staff members from UCSC in the SJSU residence hall,” SJSU media relations

specialist Robin McElhatton said in an email with the Spartan Daily. She added that both universities reached an agreement in which costs for SJSU to provide this support would be covered and would not result in additional costs to any individual students from either university. McElhatton said even though it is unknown at this time how long they will

stay, SJSU anticipates getting additional UCSC students throughout the week. “We’re always here to lend a helping hand,” SJSU stated in a Twitter post Saturday.

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## Graduates face bleak job market outlook

By **Felix Oliveros**  
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Many students who graduated from San Jose State remotely in spring said they are experiencing a tough job market amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“I definitely am nervous about searching for jobs,” SJSU alumna Shelley Lin said. “I actually had a plan to work with the Apple Wellness Center [after I graduated] but unfortunately they’re not even open due to COVID.”

With a public health major and minor in biology, Lin said she hasn’t been looking for jobs because there’s too much anxiety searching during a time where few are available.

Even though Lin is currently completing her six-month post-graduate internship at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center while receiving a viable income, she said she feels uncertain about her chances of obtaining a job after she’s finished.

Like Lin, music education graduate Arnie Co said he has faced a turbulent time during the pandemic because finding paying-opportunities has been complicated.

“For performances you generally get a lot of work by word of mouth,” Co



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELLEY LIN

Spring 2020 graduate Shelley Lin worries about her job prospects entering the market in the midst of the pandemic.

said. “I’ve gone from maybe four gigs minimum before the pandemic per month, to at the most one and it’s been online, like playing Zoom concerts.”

Co said he used to depend heavily on live performances for income and his instrumental teaching job, but with the current social distancing guidelines in place, he and many other

performance-based artists are finding themselves in a financial bind.

“I’ve gone from 15 to 20 students, all the way down to seven students because not a lot of students like to learn online and music is hard to learn online,” Co said.

He said that because of the pandemic, he had to cancel enrolling for graduate school. His back-up plan of getting a job in the public school realm also fell through because of budget cuts.

SJSU economics lecturer Ninh Nguyen weighed in on the difficulty of finding employment during the pandemic, saying that it might cause long term effects for many recent graduates. “You have a lot of mid- and upper-tier skilled workers

entering the unemployment ranks,” Nguyen said. “So now you’ll have the new grads [and] as they’re graduating they have no skill . . . and you’ll have more people piling into the workforce while employers are keeping a very low absorption rate of these potential employees.”

He added that while graduates are educated, they are competing with those who have the same degree and 5 to 7 years of experience. “The entry level jobs will now be overwhelmed with those who have experience,” Nguyen said.

He also said there is a pattern of people reeducating themselves to find jobs in areas of work that grow during recessions, such as the Great Recession

in 2008 when people had to transition out of being realtors, loan officers, escrow officers and occupations of that nature.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the 2008 housing crisis took 665,000 jobs while the coronavirus pandemic has cost nearly 40 million jobs as of Aug. 15. SJSU’s Career Center is hosting virtual job fairs and providing aid through SJSU Cares to assist current students.

The SJSU website states that “SJSU Cares assists students who are facing an unforeseen economic crisis by providing direct support and referrals around basic needs including food, housing, emergency assistance and more.”

While SJSU Cares is not

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Voss Plaxton  
Career Center director

available for past graduates, they still have access to the Career Center’s job fairs and networking resources such as Handshake and the SJSU Alumni Association.

Career Center Director Catherine Voss Plaxton said she encourages current students as well as recent graduates to utilize the Career Center virtually, even if it is difficult.

“It’s definitely a challenging time in terms of employer engagement but we keep doing outreach and we’re hosting the same events as last year,” Voss Plaxton said. “We got tons of information on our website about all of this.”

Voss Plaxton said she is aware of the differences in the remote interview process and urges applicants to adjust themselves in order to maintain professionalism, such as wearing interview attire, having a quiet background and treating the interview as if it were in-person.

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Arnie Co  
music education,  
graduate



# Electoral College preserves federalism

By Laura Fields  
STAFF WRITER

The Electoral College system is vital to preserving state powers that the popular vote could destroy.

If the U.S. used the popular vote instead, California and New York voters would decide every election while completely alienating Americans who live in the middle of the country with their own set of problems.

The Electoral College is a step in the presidential voting process that allows each state to cast their vote as a sovereign governing body.

In today's divided political climate, it is important to remember the U.S. is made up of 50 states with vastly different economies, laws and political views.

This system gives states with smaller populations more power for their votes compared to states with larger populations. For example, the residents of Oklahoma or Arkansas have more weight to their winner-take-all votes than the many residents living in California or Texas.

Some may call the existence of the Electoral College voter suppression or a departure from democracy because with the system's winner-take-all method, not every vote counts.

But if the U.S. switched to a strictly popular vote,

it could be seen as voter suppression for small population states where there are fewer people to cast votes. States with small populations like Idaho would not stand a chance against states like California.

Electors chosen by various methods throughout the country cast state votes for candidates who champion their issues best. Issues that the states care about.

The founding fathers created the Electoral College system in the Constitution to prevent tyranny from tarnishing our newly formed government.

They believed in federalism, a form of government that affirms state rights, as colonists identified themselves with their state. Today, that belief is instilled in the Electoral College.

According to National Affairs, a magazine about political affairs, a Wyoming resident's vote carries 3.6 times more weight with the Electoral College than each California voter.

This shows that the Electoral College empowers less populous states to influence the country's politics.

It makes the presidential race competitive and representative, as it did in 2016 when Donald Trump campaigned in battleground states longer than Hillary

Clinton and won the presidency through the Electoral College.

With larger states carrying big elector vote counts, popular candidates typically sweep these up.

If there was direct democracy instead, the U.S. would be run by urbanites who have no idea about the lives of rural Americans and simply don't care.

According to a 2016 Vox article, votes in solid red or blue states for opposing candidates are "wasted votes" and "swing state privilege" exists, and at times it does feel that way.

However, popular political views influence mainstream media and socially acceptable political beliefs. Smaller states are still able to make an impact through their heavy voting power if they do not agree with the mainstream.

Another argument for the abolishment of the Electoral College is that the popular vote would be a more straightforward voting system. However, this would cause more of a divide in America because of our two-party system, further proving the Electoral College is crucial to the presidential election process and keeping the country together.

According to a 2012 Politico article, "A simple, direct democracy will

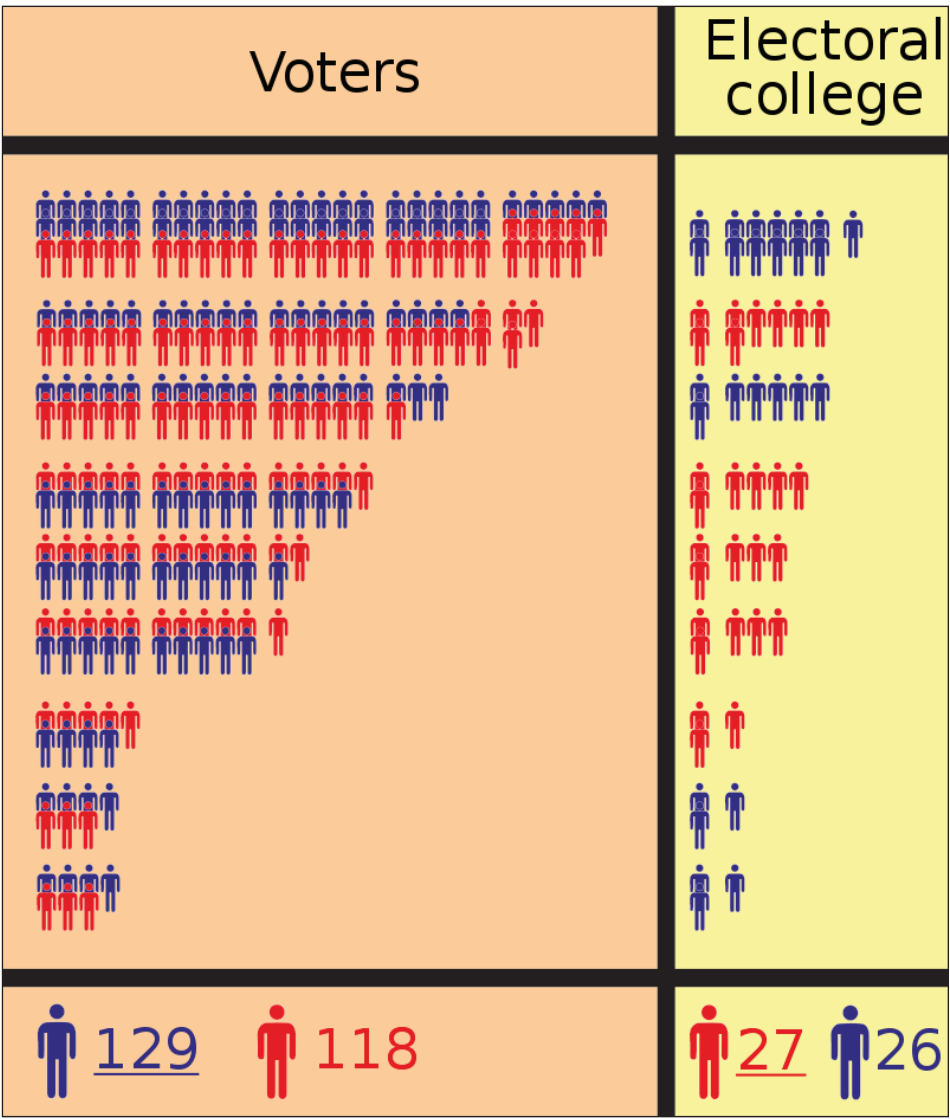


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centralize all power – government, business, money, media and votes – in urban areas to the detriment of the rest of the nation.”

In fact, the Electoral College makes things more straightforward with its winner-take-all rule. If a Republican candidate took 56% of the votes in Montana, they would take all three of the electoral

votes, which was exactly the case in 2016 when Trump first ran.

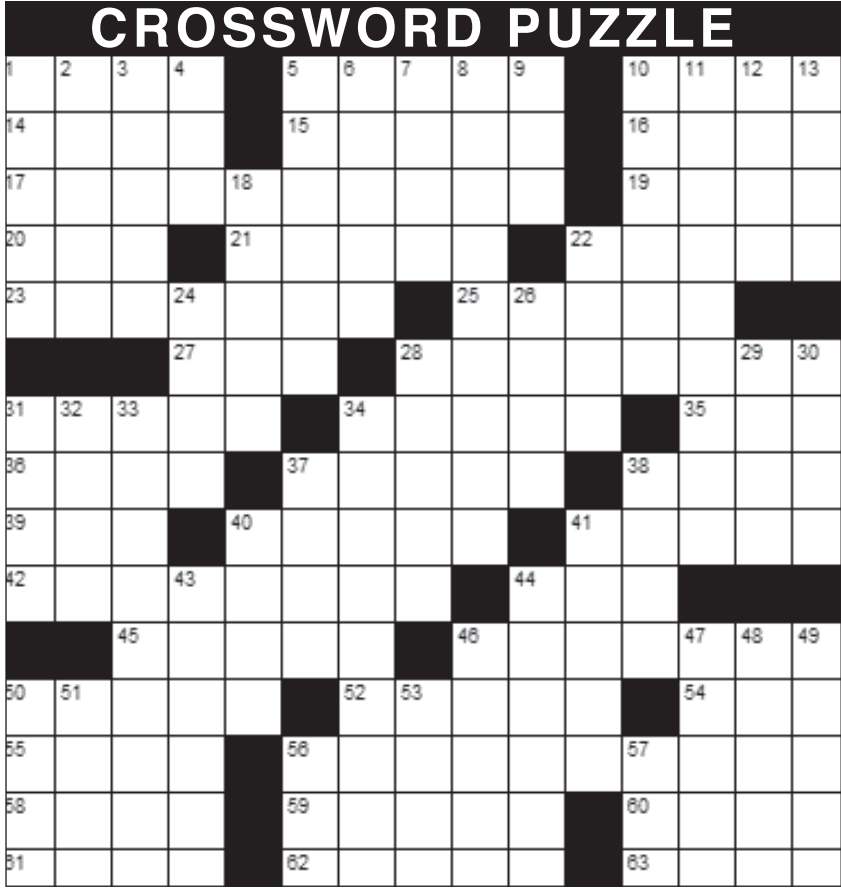
The call to abolish the Electoral College is a one-sided agenda where people are only upset when their candidate loses. Besides, throughout most of our history, a vast majority of popular vote winners also won the Electoral College and became president.

By keeping the system in place, states rights are preserved and less populous states can give their citizens a fighting chance.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



#### ACROSS

- Corpse
- Thermionic tube
- Ammunition
- Emanation
- Remove the pins from
- Cheap jewelry (archaic)
- Flight attendant
- Initial wager
- Actress Lupino
- Existence
- Weeps
- Write
- Museum piece
- Commercials
- Burial tunnel
- High society
- Spoil
- Black gunk
- Unadulterated
- A nine-piece musical group
- Decorative case
- Nigerian tribesman
- Ancestors
- Grin
- Half-man half-horse beings

- Consumer Price Index
- Move quickly
- Blatant deception
- A combination of 3 notes
- A nymph of lakes
- Tall hill
- Not there
- Assemble
- Bothers
- Submarine
- "Smallest" particle
- Money
- Russian emperors
- Alluring

#### DOWN

- Introductory
- Surpass
- Nightmare
- Swerve
- Coercion
- An independent film company
- Not closed
- Shames
- NNNN
- A type of fungus
- Type of pasta
- Speechless
- Poems
- Dwelling
- Kaolin
- Head
- French for "State"
- 100 to a dollar
- Mangle
- French cheese
- Sweeping story
- Lubricate
- Iron goods
- Doorhandles
- French for "We"
- Arab chieftain
- Police action
- Garden tool
- Flail
- Maps
- Stogie
- Lessen
- Treat for drug dependence
- Foe
- Fashionable
- Sister and wife of Zeus
- Dwarf buffalo
- Slice
- Petrol

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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# Club hockey takes on uncertainty

By Ruth Aguilar  
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The San Jose State men’s club ice hockey team released a statement on July 20 announcing that their season would be postponed until the Spring semester. But the decision, which was made to ensure a “sense of safety for the players,” didn’t come without mixed feelings from the team.

“It’s an unfortunate thing, but at the end of the day I’m healthy,” Stephen Howe, team president and senior communications major, said over the phone.

Howe, who is also the team captain, said his teammates are “eager to come back” as they wait to hear the news of a possible spring season.

Although players are disappointed about not being able to play, the team has been able to stay physically active during Fall semester.

“From all of our calls, everything has been pretty positive. As far as I know, everyone’s been healthy and safe,” head coach Mike Janda said over a Zoom call.

The decision to postpone the season was made by Winston Adams, the club sport coordinator and general manager of the ice hockey club, who decided to follow a resolution by the PAC-8 Conference which postponed the season.

Before settling on the decision to postpone the season for an entire semester, the team considered doing postponement in one-month increments.

“We’re not in a situation

where anything is guaranteed. There’s a lot of uncertainty still and we’re gonna do our best to follow or to come up with a plan that starts with the state’s and the counties’ guidelines,” Adams said over the phone.

Struggling to house the team was one of many reasons why the season’s postponement was necessary.

“As a club sport we cannot require some kids to live somewhere and we had to accommodate what our team is gonna do and most of them are living off-campus,” Janda said. “We wanted to make sure everyone was there when we started.”

Consequently, games will be spaced out during the Spring semester, making their season longer with fewer games to play.

The hockey team currently has games planned for early January, but those dates are reliant on the reduction of coronavirus cases.

“I think if we get past January and we’re not playing games, we’re gonna have to seriously look at if there is even gonna be a season,” Janda said over the phone. “Which no one even really wants to think about, so we’ll just hope that we’re gonna play in January and we’ll go from there.”

However, if the team cannot start by the beginning of the Spring semester, it’s unlikely that they will be able to play until Fall 2021.



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PAC-8 Conference and the SJSU club hockey announced on July 20 that the season would be postponed until January.

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Winston Adams

club sport coordinator  
and hockey general manager

Similar to many fall sports, club hockey is planning to keep making progress for the team.

Hockey tryouts are still being held and up to 16 rookie players will have a chance to join the team after a one-on-one Zoom call with Janda.

“We should have a full roster, it might even be the biggest roster the

teams had in quite a few years, so we’re excited about that,” Janda said.

New members to the team are incoming freshmen, transfer students and even some graduate students who were able to come back to play.

In the meantime, the current players on the team meet on a biweekly basis

through 15- to 30-minute Zoom meetings. These calls consist of preparing for the possible spring season, checking in with all the players and introducing new members to the team.

“I think one of the most important things right now is to connect with the guys and make sure that they know there is still a team here and there are still guys out there that care about them,” Janda said.

During these meetings, the team also discusses the work they’ve done on the Volt app. Volt has been used for San Jose State’s sports teams for the past three years and is where workouts are uploaded for the players to complete.

The players have the ability to choose when to do their workouts and have to complete a certain amount every week with

start and end dates set by the coaches.

“Hopefully we see the usage of that go up, because if there is any time to need it it’s right now because people from their own homes can have access to their own workouts,” Adams said.

Although the team’s safety and preparation for the possible spring season are important factors to the coaches and captains, they also focus on keeping the team united.

“We’re gonna be working hard to keep the team atmosphere even if we can’t be in the same room together,” Adams said. “That’s what we’re gonna try to accomplish is just that, still acting as a team even though we’re not able to do it in the traditional sense.”

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On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Spartan Daily published a story titled, “Lightning sets NorCal ablaze” in which the Santa Clara Unit Lightning Complex Fire was misidentified.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Spartan Daily published a story titled, “CSU updates its graduation requirements” in which Marcos Pizarro was misidentified.

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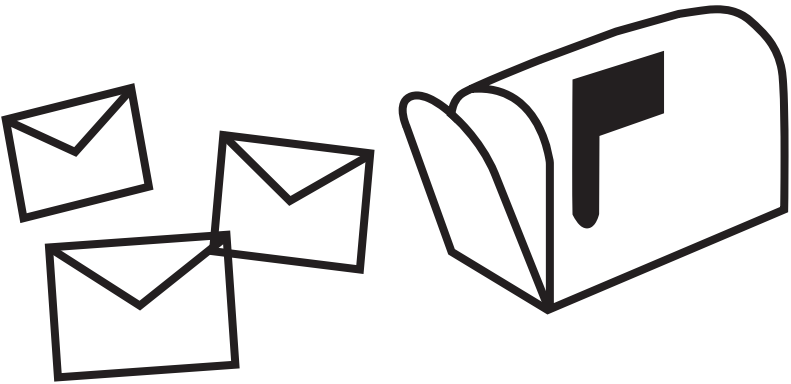
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